(*b*) whether they have considered the question of constructing an additional glass lid to the meter box so as to enable house owners to read the meter?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: (*a*) Yes. Water Works Rule 16a. requires that "Meters of a type approved by the Water Works Engineer shall be provided at the cost of the owner or occupier of the house or premises but shall be kept under the lock and key of the Water Supply Department". In order to reduce the cost of house connections and bring them within easy reach of the average house-owner, Government are issuing their own meters on requisition and maintain them, in return for which service and for covering the interest and depreciation charges in respect of the meters, hire is being charged to the consumers who applied for the supply of meter on hire.

(*b*) Yes. But the glass lid covers will always be moisture-laden inside and will not facilitate reading the meters, and hence it is not proposed to provide an additional glass lid for the meter box.

Appointments in the Water Works and Drainage Department.

206. ✱ **MR. K. T. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether persons have been appointed, as Water Works Inspectors, who do not possess the minimum qualifications prescribed for that post, in the Water Works and Drainage Department;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of such appointment, the persons so appointed and the reasons for such appointment;

(*c*) whether any appointments have been made in the Work Establishment of the Water Works and Drainage Department, of persons after superannuation; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, the names of the persons so entertained, the salary they draw and the reasons for their entertainment?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of reply to (*a*) above.

(*c*) Yes. Two persons.

(*d*) (i) Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar ... Salary Rs. 60
(ii) Mr. R. Ramanatha Aiyar ... Salary Rs. 25

They have been entertained in connection with the accounting of stores and materials for finally closing the accounts of Water Works Project involving the large outlay of over half a crore of rupees. This work required the services of persons well experienced in works accounts. As these persons were the best suited for the kind of work to be done urgently, they had to be entertained in the interests of the work. Of the two persons, Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar was appointed by the Chief Engineer when the Water Works Division formed part of the P. W. D. as he also was convinced of the necessity.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether the two officers mentioned in the answer to part (d) are still in service?

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VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: Yes. They are in the work Establishment but not in public service.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know how long it is since they were superannuated?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: One was superannuated about four years ago and the other a few months ago.

Appointment of a Tracer in the Water Works and Drainage Department.

207 ❋ **MR. K. T. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a lady has been recently appointed in the Water Works and Drainage Department as Tracer; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name of the person and whether she possesses the minimum qualifications prescribed for the post by the Public Service Commissioner; and

(*c*) the date of such appointment?

VASTU VIDIA KUSLA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *Her name.*—Mrs. Pushkalambal.

Qualifications.—Since her appointment was prior to the date on which the Public Service Recruitment Rules came into force, the question of qualifications prescribed there under does not arise. The qualifications she possesses are given below:

(1) Painting	Lower	Madras Government Technical Examinations.
(2) Design	do.	
(3) Geometrical Drawing	do.	
(4) Freehand Drawing	do.	

Date of appointment.—28th Mithunam 1111.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether there were other lady applicants also for the post?

VASTU VIDIA KUSALA C. BALAKRISHNA RAO: I claim notice.

The Game Warden.

208 ❋ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the functions of the Game Warden; and

(*b*) the expenses incurred in connection with the office this year; and

(*c*) the nature and quantity of the work done by the officer during the year?

MR. R. DHANUKOTI PILLAI: (*a*) The functions assigned to the Game Warden at the time of his appointment were to take measures for the protection of game by creating Game Reserves in suitable places in the State Reserved Forests and by the formation of Game Associations, analogous to those at Nilgiris and elsewhere. These Associations usually attend to the preservation of game regulation of

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